

GRABBED LAND UNDER WATER.

Large Grants at Oyster Bay, L. I., Cause Much Suffering.

FISHERMEN MAY STARVE.

The Reservations Deprive the Villagers of All Means of Livelihood.

ENTIRE WATER FRONT CLOSED.

Clam and Oyster Hunters, Unable to Find Redress, Have Threatened to Take the Law into Their Own Hands.

Great indignation prevails at Oyster Bay, L. I., over the action of the Land Board at Albany last Summer in granting large tracts of land under water to several private and industrial parties. The humble citizens who derive for oysters and clams at the bottom of the bay look upon the grants as a grab. They claim, and rightly, too, that the reservation of almost the entire water front will drive them out of business and that the oystermen and clambers will be left to starve.

Heretofore the bottom of the ocean has been regarded as free from the covetous yearnings of man, but the action of a few influential Summer cottagers at Oyster Bay explodes this belief. They want the bottom as well as landed possessions above tide water. The grants were made to Louis T. Duryea, F. W. Duryea, Louis W. Ladue, the North Country Company and Charles A. Dana. All these people own Summer cottages abutting the submerged land granted to them. Application for the bottom of the bay was made on the ground that this portion of the coast is subject to violent storms and that breakwaters are needed to protect the residences and also form a safe harbor for pleasure boats. No form is paid to the fact that numbers of struggling toilers have been and others will be driven away from the village. This oyster and clam beds are their only means of subsistence, and should the grants hold good nearly the entire frontage will be held by a few men. Most of the favorite fishing resorts and all the beds are included in the grant which the inhabitants characterize as a grab.

Oyster Bay opposed the proceeding from the start. The title of the lands under water is vested in the town, and not in the State, is one contention of the inhabitants, and they also claim that the grants will prevent the operation of oyster beds adjoining. Attorney Edward Cromwell was retained by the town, but the grant went through. The Land Board, comprised at the time the grant was made by Lieutenant Governor Saxton, Speaker Fish, Secretary of State Palmer, Comptroller Roberts, State Treasurer Colvin, Attorney-General Hancock and State Engineer Adams. They treated lightly the objections and made the grant.

Dana's grant is a strip of about 500 feet running along the Sound.

Since the grant the town has taken a review of the proceedings by a writ of certiorari sued out in the Supreme Court. News was received at the office of the Land Board a few days ago that the appellate division of the Supreme Court had affirmed the decision of the Board. The case may go to the Court of Appeals for final determination. The town, however, is making a fight for its rights. Lawyer Cromwell said yesterday: "I cannot say that our next move will be, but we will continue the fight, for we have enlisted the sympathy and financial aid of our business men, who through the past winter have felt the difference in their receipts caused by the baymen being shut out. I am sure we will be able to find some law which will prohibit the grants of land to private parties, and we will have the baymen back to work as laborers at \$1.50 per day, and jobs are scarce at that. The sympathy of the community is with the fishers."

ONE FOOTPAD CAUGHT.

Ex-Convict O'Connor Identified by Three Victims as One of the Haledon Hill Highwaymen.

William O'Connor, twenty-four years old, with two State prison terms behind him, was fully identified in Paterson yesterday as one of the men who performed six hold-ups on Saturday night and fired upon several citizens. The highway robberies, as told in yesterday's Journal, occurred within two hours on the Haledon Hill, near the Paterson city line. The first hold-up was that of Frederick Bitterlin and his wife, who were stopped at the muzzle of two revolvers about 8 o'clock, at Haledon avenue and North Fifth street. Bitterlin threw up his hands, and was relieved of his watch and a small sum of money. As the footpad turned to depart, Mrs. Bitterlin screamed and fired, and started from a neighboring store in pursuit of the robbers, who escaped after firing several shots at their pursuer. Christian Kemler led the way to the arrest of O'Connor by picking him out in Chief Kemler's gallery of rogues, and said he was on his way to his home, No. 30 Burhan avenue, Paterson, when two men stopped him. One placed a revolver at his forehead, the other placed one in his left ear, and both ordered him to give up his money quickly.

Kemler positively identified O'Connor when he saw him in court yesterday morning, as did Rudolph Hoffman and Joseph Korjan. He denied his guilt, but was committed to jail in default of \$3,000 bail.

VICTIMS OF HICCUGHS RECOVERING.

A Physician Has Relieved William Bond, of Cedar Swamp, L. I., and He Is Resting Quietly.

The doctors managed last night to stop the fits of hiccoughing which for the past two weeks have been wearing away the life of William Bond, of Cedar Swamp, L. I., and he passed the day quietly, sleeping most of the time. Unless unfavorable symptoms develop during his present weak condition, his recovery is looked for, and his family and friends are elated. Much credit is given Dr. Hall, whose untiring efforts were successful in bracing this curious illness.

HAVE LOST FAITH IN MILLINGTON.

Congregation Believe the Missing Pastor Has Eloped.

BACHELOR'S STATEMENT.

Says He Has Assurance the Clergyman Went Away with Mrs. Dickerson.

HER MOTHER DENIES THIS.

It Is Alleged a Letter Was Received from the Woman, Dated Montreal, in Which She Asked to Have Her Clothing Sent to Her.

The congregation of Fairmount Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., whose pastor, the Rev. E. J. Oldknow Millington, has been missing since Monday of last week, went to attend a conference of Baptist ministers in New York, are weakening in their belief that he has met with foul play in the "Tenderloin."

The treasurer of the church, Mr. J. H. Bachelior, yesterday gave out the following statement for publication:

"From information gleaned there is no doubt that Mr. Millington has gone away with Mrs. Dickerson in a member of his congregation who is also missing. Under no circumstances would I make this statement unless I had positive assurance that it is so. I say this after consulting with the people most interested and because it was thought best that the matter should be settled conclusively. I am very anxious that this matter should be closed, so far as newspaper talk is concerned, for the sake of Mr. Millington's family."

Mr. Bachelior positively refused to say from what source he got his assurance that the missing couple are together. He said he did not know where Mr. Millington is at present and refused to say anything further about the matter other than given in the statement above.

It was learned from another source, however, a friend of Mrs. Millington's, that Miss Ashford, of No. 7 Eagles street, a step-sister of missing Mrs. Dickerson, had received a letter from the latter yesterday in which she asked that her clothes be forwarded to Montreal, when the letter came. The letter is signed "E. B. Herald," and in it "Ernest" is referred to Mr. Millington's first name is Ernest.

Mrs. Dickerson's family still insist that they know nothing of her whereabouts, and that they are positive she has not gone away with Mr. Millington. Her mother said the missing woman loved her two children too dearly to ever desert them and leave them on her hands to support.

She denied that Mr. Millington so far as any attention to her daughter, so far as she knew. His visits to the house were very few, she said, and when he did come it was to visit Mr. Ashford, now deceased. In support of her statement, previously made that Mrs. Dickerson had gone to Dover to visit relatives, Mrs. Ashford said that her son and a lady friend had accompanied Mrs. Dickerson to Hoboken, saw her on the train and waved her an adieu as the train pulled out. This claim is also supported by Mrs. Garrison M. Bowley, of Dover, whom Mrs. Dickerson spent Sunday night at her home. Mrs. Bowley said that Mrs. Dickerson first boarded a train at Broad Street Station, on his way to the Baptist Conference in New York, and subsequently jumped, declaring to the Rev. J. C. McClymont, who was on the train, "There's a party, want to see."

Mr. Millington was seen on a later train, but so far as is known Mrs. Dickerson was not on that train. The originals of the telegrams sent to Mr. Millington from New York to his wife and Mrs. Devoy have been seen by the Rev. William E. Millington, of Knoxville, N. Y., father of the missing minister, and the content of the telegrams both in the handwriting of his son. This removes all doubt as to his having sent them.

Mrs. Dorothy Dickerson, with whom Mr. Millington is alleged to have gone away, has formerly a Miss Strickles, and of late has been known among her friends as "Dora Strickles." She is a tall, good-looking woman, with blue eyes and light brown hair, and is thirty years of age. She is the wife of Charles J. Dickerson, who deserted her four years ago. He was at that time in the employ of J. M. Morris, N. Y. Dock, N. Y., but it is claimed, got into some financial trouble, left the State. Previous to leaving his family, and for that matter, he was very cruelly, and for that reason, he was prevailed upon her not to join him in Chicago when he recently offered to provide her and the children with good home if they would go and live with him.

Mrs. Dickerson, since her husband left her, has been a week ago, had with her two children, a boy and a girl, respectively four and eight, and boarded with her mother, Mrs. Mary Ashford, at No. 7 Eagles street, near the Coghswell, Bonter & Co.'s underground factory, where she made sufficient wages to support herself and the children.

WILLIS PAID THE LABORERS.

The Commissioner Gave Them Their Wages Out of His Own Pocket.

City Works Commissioner Theodore R. Willis yesterday morning advanced \$1,106.75 out of his own pocket, in order that the laborers who were employed in the cleaning of the ponds connected with the water supply, and whose pay was held up by Comptroller Palmer on the ground that their appointment was illegal, might be able to provide food for their families. In round numbers there were fifty-six men, and their claims ranged from \$1.25 to \$3.50. The money to pay the laborers was turned over to Mr. James W. Glendinning, the counsel for the men.

To say that the laborers were happy when they found out that they were going to be paid would be putting it mildly. They were long in their praise of the action of Commissioner Willis.

Louis A. Levy, of No. 643 Newark avenue, Jersey City, hiccupped for ten days, in that time being almost brought to death's door, but yesterday he was reported as on the road to recovery. He is still in a very weak state, however, being constantly attended by physicians. Mr. Levy is sixty-two years old, and for twenty years has been in business as a tailor, at his present position. He was attacked by the hiccoughs on February 26. The hiccoughs are now infrequent and Dr. Simpson says that Mr. Levy would be rid of them in several days.

HOBBART'S BOY GETS OFFICE FROM MCKINLEY.

"Junior," the Vice-President's Twelve-Year-Old Hopeful, Dabbles in Electricity and Has Been Appointed Custodian of White House Bells.

Garret A. Hobart, Jr., is only twelve years old, but he has a preternaturally acute perception of the aphorism that to the victors belong the spoils.

Fired in his youthful imagination by this great patriotic truth, the Vice-President's young hopeful has become an office-holder. On the very day his papa and Mr. McKinley were inaugurated, the youngster became an office-holder. Entirely of his own initiative, he made application to the President of the United States for the position of custodian of the electric bells in the White House.

Whereof the story is a good one, and well worth telling from the beginning.

Garret A. Hobart, Jr., or "Junior," as he is called by everybody in the neighborhood of his Father's home, is not a robust lad, and for that reason was never sent to school. But he takes a robust interest in affairs outside his tutor and his toys, and would sooner contrive something odd and useful with his slender fingers than read the most fascinating of romances about Indians or pirates.

Many months ago he began to delve into the mysteries of applied electricity. Now Van Tigger, his most intimate chum in Paterson, joined him in his researches, and the youngsters made astonishing progress in their studies. So successful were they, indeed, that the entire household of Hobart was soon thrown into paroxysms of surprise, not unmixed at times with dismay, for "Junior" wired the house over in the equipment of various devices of his own invention, until the most simple operation resulted in the most unexpected developments.

IN BROOKLYN THEATRES.

"Sign of the Cross" at the Montauk—"Jack and the Bean Stalk" and Other Plays.

An English company presented in the Montauk Theatre last night "The Sign of the Cross." Wilson Barrett's melodrama, which has excited so much comment on the other side. The story of the play is of the love of a Roman prefect of Nero's time for a beautiful Christian girl. It is a strong work. In the vividness of portrayal something of delicacy is lost. Charles Dalton is Marcus Superbus, and Lillah McCarthy Melcia, the Christian girl.

A merry mixture of nursery tales, with a bright musical accompaniment and a tossing of toes that would not be appreciated in the nursery, is "The Strange Adventures of Jack and the Bean Stalk," presented last night in the Columbia Theatre. The company is full of young stage folk, among them being Alex. Clark, Madge Leasing, Harry Kelly, Merrill Osborne, Carrie Perkins, Maude Hollis, Helen Morse, Dan Baker, Hubert White and Nellie Lewis.

Bijou Theatre.
At the close of the last act of "Cuba's Vow," presented in the Bijou last night, the audience breathed more easily. There were some characters in the play that survived the scenes of death and disaster with which the drama is crowded. The audience, which was large, seemed delighted with it all and seemed as pleased when a Spaniard was killed as when the Roman audience in the Coliseum a few centuries ago at the death of an unpopular gladiator. In the cast, Charles Adams, Charles Wardell, George Blair, A. J. Wolfe and W. L. Buchanan.

American Theatre.

"After Dark" was presented in the American Theatre in the Eastern District last night. This is a melodrama of New York life in which V. A. Brady made a big hit some few years ago. It is full of startling scenes, in one of which is shown an underground railroad. A good company made the presentation.

Empire Theatre.
Weber's Olympia Burlesquers opened the week in the Empire Theatre in the Eastern District last night. Cora Routt, one of the soubrettes who shone at the Seelye dinner, is one of the features of the entertainment. The specialties were good and a big audience approved the show.

Park Theatre.
Paul Caseneuve, a young actor of the romantic school, who played in the support of the younger Salvini, tried his hand at D'Artagnan in "The Three Guardsmen" in the Park Theatre last night. He acted with care and some force, and his work pleased a large audience.

Amplion Theatre.
"Hogan's Alley," a farce-comedy founded on R. F. Outcault's pictures, held the stage in the Amplion last night. One of the features of the show is the Yellow Kid. John F. Leonard and Barney Gilmore are at the head of the company.

Grand Opera House.
Kathryn Kidder was Mme. Sans Gene in the Grand Opera House last night. A good company supported her.

PAY DAY CAME AT LAST.

Long Island City Employees Succeed in Getting Their Back Salaries.

Pretty young women took possession of the Queens County Bank in Long Island City yesterday. They snatched on the clerks and watched the paying teller so closely that he actually became nervous. The fair visitors were Long Island City school teachers, and they were getting their overdue salaries from the city.

The teachers had not received salary warrants for two months. They believed that it would be several weeks longer before they would be paid off. The adoption of a tax budget by the Aldermen, however, enabled the Mayor to issue the warrants, and City Treasurer Knapp agreed to register the warrants at his office. In doing so the city employees were able to have their warrants discounted at the bank. Besides the school teachers, the members of the fire and police departments and the clerks in other departments of the city government were paid off.



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PASTOR SCHULTZ RESIGNS.

The Hempstead (L. I.) Preacher Retires Without Explaining the Charges of Fraud Made Against Him.

The Rev. Charles Schultz, pastor of the Unalaska Church, at Hempstead, L. I., resigned yesterday without explaining to the trustees the charges of fraud made by Schoolmaster Caleb Simons. Mr. Schultz is confined to his room with an attack of nervous prostration, which is made more serious from the fact of his being convalescent from an attack of pneumonia.

The charges are that Schultz was not a graduate from Chicago University. This was learned by Simons, who wrote to President Harper. Yesterday Schultz claims that he never said he was a graduate, but declares he has a license to preach and the proper time will show it.

Mr. Schultz and Schoolmaster Simons were at the Methodist Church, says the church has been turned over to the conference, and that the presiding elders will secure a pastor. During Schultz's reign the church was called Congregational, but it was originally built as a Methodist parsonage. Schultz came here from England where he had been an itinerant preacher. The original trouble between the Rev. Mr. Schultz and Schoolmaster Simons was caused by a night school which Schultz started in the schoolhouse. Some lamps were turned by Schultz over Simons's desk and the schoolmaster claimed Schultz scratched the desk with his hob-nailed shoes. The school trustees were with Simons, and turning the school over to Schultz called Chairman George Colyer a liar. The night school was closed, but the trustees of the school, Simons claimed Schultz was not a minister. On several occasions Schultz denounced the school trustees and the principal from the pulpit. This caused a split in the congregation.

THE HUGGER ESCAPED.

Two Late Husbands, While Searching for Their Wives' Assault, Met and Had a Lively Battle.

New Brunswick (N. J.) has a "Jack the Hugger." He first made his presence known on Sunday night. Welton street, between Livingston and Remsen avenues, where it is dark at night, is the fellow's stamping grounds. In appearance the man is described as being of medium height and of slight build. He dresses in black. Probably the first woman to fall into his arms was Mrs. Walter Elkins, a Sanford street. The woman was walking down Welton street in the direction of Remsen avenue, at about 9 o'clock on Sunday evening, when she heard some one step out from behind a high fence and follow her. Having no escort, the woman became frightened and quickened her pace. The man did likewise. In the darkest section of the street, the fellow caught up to the woman, and, grabbing her about the waist, kissed her several times. The woman attempted to make an outcry, but the man was too quick for her and succeeded in hugging her victim for several minutes. Probably the first woman to fall into his arms was Mrs. Walter Elkins, a Sanford street. The woman was walking down Welton street in the direction of Remsen avenue, at about 9 o'clock on Sunday evening, when she heard some one step out from behind a high fence and follow her.

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FIREBUGS FASTEN ENGINE HOUSE DOOR.

Second Attempt to Burn Teacher Allen's House in Medford.

FAMILY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Had to Flee from the Rapidly Advancing Flames in Their Night Clothes.

BUCKET BRIGADE A SUCCESS.

Incendiaries Had Placed Kindling Wood, Saturated with Kerosene, Around the Bottom of the Porches.

Mount Holly, N. J., March 8.—A bold attempt was made early this morning by incendiaries to burn the residence of Milton H. Allen, principal of the public school at Medford, and had the flames been allowed headway a few minutes longer the occupants of the house would not have escaped with their lives. As it was they were compelled to flee in their night clothes for safety.

Mr. Allen was aroused about 4 o'clock by the smell of smoke, and, upon looking out of the window, discovered his porch to be a mass of flames. He immediately gave the alarm and proceeded to extinguish the flames.

The firemen, upon going to their engine house, discovered that the keyhole had been filled with nails and both doors of the house securely nailed with large spikes, preventing them from getting their apparatus to the scene of the conflagration. A bucket brigade was at once organized, and the flames were extinguished after a hard struggle.

The incendiaries had placed kindling wood, saturated with kerosene, around the bottom of the porch. Traces of the oil were found after the fire.

This is the second attempt to burn the house. The first attempt proved unsuccessful, the flames being extinguished by a garden hose. The incendiaries prevented an alarm being given at that time by tying the bell on the engine house. Mr. Allen has offered a large reward for the arrest of the culprits.

SHEPARD TO FOLLOW SUIT.

Will Reorganize His Party on the Same Lines Adopted by the Regular Democracy.

The Shephard Democracy of Brooklyn determined at a meeting of the Executive Committee last night to undertake a reorganization on the same lines as the regular Democracy.

Chairman Walter C. Burton was authorized to name a committee to look after the re-enrollment and appoint sub-committees in the various election districts. It had been reported that Mr. Shephard would not endeavor to get his organization in fighting shape until the political lines of the Fall campaign are formed, but the restricting of the city made it necessary to take immediate action or else abandon the organization.

Among those at last night's meeting were Edward M. Shephard, Robert H. Roy, Alexander McKinley, Election Commissioner Edwards and ex-Assemblyman Hennessey. Mr. Shephard said to his fellow committee members that it was necessary to continue the organization especially because of the uncertainty as to what the political conditions will be in next Fall's campaign. It was pointed out by him that the organization is entitled to a place on the official ballot and that therefore ought to be the basis of a strong independent movement.

Elections Commissioner Edwards explained that because the number of election districts in the city had been reduced from 62 to 51, it would be necessary to have a re-enrollment. No time was set for undertaking the re-enrollment, but it is probable that the matter will be delayed until some agitation revives interest in an independent movement. In the meantime Mr. Shephard will treat with the Independent organization of New York to get things in shape for union in the first Greater New York campaign.

SALARIES MAY COME DOWN.

Minority Report in Favor of Wilde's Bill Adopted After Sharp Debate.

Trenton, N. J., March 8.—In the Senate an effort of Senator Ketcham, of Essex County, to secure, through Senate bill No. 65, an appropriation of \$5,000 to aid a technical night school in Newark, was defeated by a vote of 14 to 14. The Senate then went into executive session and confirmed the nominations of Gilbert Collins as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and Samuel H. Grey as Attorney-General.

In the House an adverse report by the Committee on Judiciary upon Assemblyman Wilde's bill for the reduction of salaries of State officers was received, and a new independent minority report in favor of the adoption of the bill was presented by Assemblyman Burton, of the committee. The bill had been reported to the committee, and that no investigation has shown that salaries have been proportioned unreasonably to the services required.

The minority report found many supporters, including Assemblymen Lloyd, of Camden, and Goehner, of Hoboken, and upon a call of the roll, the minority report was carried by a vote of 37 to 14.

PUPILS ESCAPE THE LASH.

Miss Coker, Who Refused to Administer Corporal Punishment, Reinstated.

Miss Florence Coker, of Rosa street, Brooklyn, who was ousted from her position as teacher in the Glendale (L. I.) school because of her refusal to flog refractory pupils with a piece of rubber garden hose, has been reinstated. Her reinstatement constitutes a victory for the teacher over President Evans, of the Board of Education, who took upon himself the responsibility of discharging her.

Miss Coker is not a believer in corporal punishment. She refused to use a rawhide or rubber robbing in maintaining discipline and was turned out of the school, although the discipline in her department was with the average. Miss Coker retained counsel and appealed to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. This course alarmed Evans, who had exceeded his authority in removing the teacher, and she was promptly reinstated. Miss Coker will continue to manage her class without recourse to rawhides or garden hose.

Brooklyn Amusements.

Matinee Every Day.

High-Class WEBER'S OLYMPIA BURLESQUES.

Vaudeville and CORA ROUTT.

Popular Prices, 10c., 25c., 50c. and 60c.

SCHOOL CHILDREN SAW THE CYCLES.

Over 1,200 Little Ones Attended the Show in Brooklyn.

ALL HAD FREE TICKETS.

There Will Be Another Delegation of Young Pupils To-day.

NIGHT SET ASIDE FOR SOCIETY.

The Fashionable Set Turned Out in Large Numbers to Inspect the Many Novelties in Wheels. Some Ancient Machines.

Last night was set aside for society at the Brooklyn Cycle Show, and the ultra-fashionable set of the city turned out in large numbers to inspect the wheels and novelties which were shown. The glare of the electric lights, the good music and the gayly decorated booths all appeared appealing to the people, the majority of whom were riders.

Over 1,200 school children visited the show during the afternoon, entering on the complimentary tickets which had been distributed at the schools. Miscellaneous looking boys and bright looking girls were present from schools Nos. 15, 19, 23, 24, 30, 37, 43, 72, 74, 90, 106 and 107. They made the show decidedly interesting for the attendants at the booths in their hunt for souvenirs. A booth with a hundred or so children about it was a sure sign of souvenirs, and the number soon doubled, while the attendant had to withstand a football rush that would have done credit to the sons of Eli. In fact, the little ones grabbed for anything, and catalogues and printed matter of any description were carried away by them in huge bundles.

This afternoon will see more school children present, while to-night will be termed "club night." The members of the various clubs are expected to be present in large numbers.

A sensation was created in trade circles yesterday when it became known that William B. Osgood, one of the best known tradesmen in the country, had severed his connection with his firm, and will start a business of his own.

In the way of illumination the show far surpasses that of last year in the same building, and is probably about the best exhibition ever before given in the city. There are more than 4,000 incandescent lights on the floor, and the probability is that these will be increased by another thousand before to-night.

One of the most interesting features of the show is the exhibition of wheels of ancient date. They are all made of wood with thin tires. The first wheel ever made in this country, said to be in 1697, is shown, and with the over has spent over \$5,000 in searching its title, he effectually shuts out the claims of the other 999 owners of ancient wheels who claim first time honors. The wheel is made of wood with thin bands around the rims and has a rather hard looking saddle, claimed to be made of soft wood. There are two arm rests for the elbows, and the handle bar is a short, straight piece of wood. In order to propel the machine it is necessary to sit on the saddle and pound the feet